

WEDNESDAY, SEP. 15, 1878.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

On Monday morning the 6th of September this Convention, the result of a prolonged contest closing in most anxious uncertainty as to the exact result, met in the city of Raleigh. Most of the members had reached the city on the Saturday and Sunday previous, and it was ascertained, that on Monday morning, every living member elect was at his post—a thing probably never known before in this State. Both parties were busy in marshalling their forces, and in canvassing the chances of controlling the Convention. The Democrats mustered 69 certain, the Republicans 58, and there was the member from Ashe, Dr. Wilcox whom the republicans seemed assured would not with them, and Dr. Ransom of Tyrrell from whom neither party could obtain any pledge. His vote was the key to the position, but while anxiously pressed by the Republicans, and deferentially approached by the Democrats, he vouchsafed comfort to neither, but held himself in reserve for the decisive moment.

In the mean time, the city was filled with Republicans from all parts of the State to influence by the presence the action of the doubtful. Office holders, of all grades were there—Judges, Ex-Judges, Revenue officers, high privates and low privates, every body who could raise a dollar to pay rail road fare, leaving hotel bills to the contingencies of the result. It is said, that every revenue officer in the State was in the city, and the liberal efforts made to buy up the independents showed not only the means they had to do so, but the importance they attached to the result.

At 12 o'clock, the doors of the Hall of the House of Representatives were thrown open, and filled at once, floor, lobbies and galleries, with the immense crowd which had been long struggling in the rotunda waiting for an entrance. Judge Settle of the Supreme Court took his seat, and called the Convention to order. Immediate silence was obtained. He then called upon Messrs Cunningham and Bennett, Democrats and Young and French, Republicans, to assist in the organization by receiving and recording the certificates as received, and in other ways relieving him of his labors.

Upon the call of the first squad of four members, Judge Tourgee raised the point, that the oath could not be administered until it was ascertained that there was a quorum present, which could not be known until every member had presented his certificate, and the point was considered well taken.

After all had presented their certificates and it was known beyond doubt that there was a quorum, the delegates were sworn in in the order in which they had first been called. When the names of the two members from Robeson county were called, objection was made to their qualification at that stage of the proceedings. Judge Settle at first decided to postpone their case until all the others had taken the oath, but finding it was about to lead to prolonged discussion, admitted them at once to qualification, in accordance with his previous opinion that the Convention itself was the only authorized tribunal to decide the doubt.

Judge Settle throughout his temporary presidency acted with great fairness and impartiality, and completely effaced the harsh judgment drawn out by his alleged partiality in the Robeson case in a previous stage of the proceedings.

The members being now qualified, the nomination of a permanent President was next in order. Ex-Gov. Reid nominated Dr. Edward Ransom of Tyrrell, and Judge Albertson, Oliver H. Dockery of Richmond.

Dr. Ransom rose, and said that he would not accept the nomination from either party. Gov. Reid said, that when a man placed himself in a public position, he was not at liberty to decline either the duties or the honors imposed upon him; and thence forward, Dr. Ransom was the avowed candidate of the Democrats.

The first ballot resulted in 59 votes for Dr. Ransom, and 58 for Mr. Dockery, the latter voting for Mr. Wheeler and the former for Hon. D. S. Reid. The second ballot resulted in the same way, and the Convention adjourned until Tuesday at 10 o'clock, a. m.

It may be mentioned here, that in the beginning of the act of qualification, Judge Tourgee submitted a protest signed by himself and many others of his party, against the oath prescribed by the Legislature. The protest was received, and ordered to be entered on the journals of the Convention.

On Tuesday morning, the Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, and every member answered to his name. Balloting was resumed. The first ballot of the day, being the 3rd in all, resulted in precisely the same

way as so on to the 14th with no change at all on the part of the Democrats. A few Republicans scattered their votes. Mr. Dockery being still the favorite, but Messrs Reid, Bennett, Badger, Wheeler, Albertson, Withers and Shober each receiving a complimentary vote. On the 14th ballot, Dr. Ransom finding the Democrats firm in their purpose to sustain him, and equally determined himself not to vote for the Republican candidate, at length yielded to the arguments of Hon. D. S. Reid, that he was keeping his county without representation, that the time of the Convention was needlessly consumed, and that there was no sacrifice of personal delicacy. Moved by these considerations, he voted for Dr. Edward Ransom of Tyrrell county, a majority of all the votes cast being had. Judge Settle announced that Dr. Ransom was duly elected President of this Convention.

The applause from the Democrats on the floor and in the lobbies was tremendous. The cheers of the Republicans was equally as great, for they saw clearly enough that Dr. Ransom was with the Democrats and their hope of controlling the Convention utterly gone. And it is a Democratic victory of the most substantial character at the last, after all the boasting of our opponents, and after all the faint heartedness of our friends.

Immediately after the assumption of the chair by Dr. Ransom and his acknowledgment of the honor conferred on him, the Convention went into the election of its officers. Johnstone Jones was elected Sec'y. W. M. Hardy Assistant Sec'y. John H. Hill, Door Keeper and J. P. Norton, Assistant Door Keeper—all Democrats. The Democratic organization is complete, and the control of that party over the body indisputable.

On Wednesday, little business was done beyond the reception of the report of the committee on rules, and the appointment of other committees, the chairman of which are all Democrats. After which resolutions introduced by Mr. Turner in respect to the memory of the Hon. W. A. Graham. The resolutions were supported by eloquent speeches from both sides of the House. Gen. Clingman and Mr. Robbins on the Democratic side, and Judge Tourgee, Albertson, Dockery, Bixton, Chamberlain and O'Hara, Crosby and Smythe. (These last are colored, and their speeches are said to be among the best delivered.)

That of Judge Tourgee was particularly eloquent and touching, delivered effectively, and drawing tears from many eyes. The speech was honorable to the heart and the head of the speaker and was a noble tribute to the memory of Gov. Graham.

We have indulged in a running commentary on the proceedings of the first few days of the session hoping it will be as acceptable to our readers as a more formal editorial. We will give hereafter the proceedings of the Convention somewhat more systematically.

The Richmond Whig says, it is perfectly evident now that the currency question cannot be kept back in the politics of the times. In the State after State, Conventions called with reference to State elections alone are almost entirely engrossed with it. The people are becoming more and more excited on the subject every day. The harmony of both the national parties is already disturbed; and in the Presidential canvass it will stand out boldly as an issue on which the verdict of the country will be awaited with the utmost eagerness of interest. The excitement is produced in the Democratic Convention of Pennsylvania shows the deep hold it has taken upon the popular mind. It is the gravest of grave questions, and we trust all differences arising from it may be sufficiently settled in the Democratic party before the day for the National Convention enable us to present a candidate and a platform commanding the support of all men who are opposed to the tyranny of Radicalism and to the ruinous policy of contraction. The Democratic party is the party of the people, and a free flowing currency equal to the wants of trade is what the people desire.

The currency question in State politics, as we now see it forcing itself forward in every convention, is thus plainly presented in advance as the great material issue that must greatly determine the character of the next Administration.

The Pittsfield Eagle tells of a directory canvasser who stuck his head into Senator Dawes' office the other day, and asked, "What business is carried on here, sir?" The senator, looking up from his law book, replied, "Writing recommendations for office," and resumed his work.

The Postmaster General has dismissed several postmasters for trafficking in postage stamps. He has three hundred more under advisement, and will probably dismiss many of them.

The bank of F. B. Hancock & Co. of Granville, Ky. was robbed of \$27,000 on the 6th.

DR. RANSOM.

This gentleman occupies at present a conspicuous position in the politics of the State. Elected as an Independent, he came to Raleigh unpledged to either party, and neither party able to claim him positively. He was the subject of anxious scrutiny by the Republicans; of respectful attention from the Democrats. When the Convention came to order on Monday, it was with a perfect uncertainty as to which side Dr. Ransom would favor. Yet so assured were the Democrats of his integrity and purity of his purposes, that they put him in nomination, and adhered to him, until his own vote finally settled the difficult question.

Dr. Ransom may be the subject of unkind criticism in doing what has rarely been done in deliberative bodies—casting a vote for himself. We think he deserves praise, not censure. It was a brave manly act, for he knew he was incurring censure. But he had sense enough to see that he was not voting for Dr. Ransom as the man, but for Dr. Ransom, the Delegate from Tyrrell, whose silence deprived his county of its voice. He would not support the Republican candidate and his only alternative was to vote for the one the Democrats were determined to uphold.

There is no mistaking his position. He is with the Democrats thoroughly. The Republicans admit it, and do not conceal their disappointment. His appointment to the Committees shows that he is with the Democrats thoroughly in all measures of reform.

Some of our Exchanges do him wrong. He was not elected as an Independent Republican, but as an Independent man, free to make his own choice. He has chosen.

The Richmond Whig says, if it be true, as stated, that General Joseph E. Johnston has accepted the appointment of commander-in-chief of the Egyptian army, there are tens of thousands of our people who, while gratified to see him thus advancing in fortune will look sadly upon his departure from the country. It is said that he is to be allowed a hundred thousand dollars for an outfit, and that then he will be paid twenty-five thousand dollars annually for his services. We hardly know whether to hope the rumor is true or untrue. Such a man as General Johnston is a great loss to any country he may leave, and a great gain to any government he may serve.

The trial of Westervelt for his connection with the abduction of Charles Rose has developed some important testimony that, if supported, will probably secure his conviction on the charges brought against him. The web of evidence has been skillfully woven around him, and at present there seems little chance of escape. It may be after all that the mystery of Charles Rose's disappearance will be cleared up and the parties implicated in his abduction brought to justice.

Tennessee has given her country three Presidents—Jackson, Polk and Johnson—and it is queerer still that they were all born in North Carolina.

Harpers Weekly thus pronounces against Grant as a candidate:—In every point of view, therefore, with perfect remembrance of the President's past services and the most grateful respect for them, he seems to us, unquestionably the weakest and not the strongest republican candidate.

None of the Directors of the Bank of California were present at the meeting held in memory of Ralston.

Out of 800 convicts in the Georgia Penitentiary one one-tenth are white.

San Francisco, Sept. 9.—The meeting last night at Union Hall was largely attended. The crowd filled the street to listen to open-air addresses. In the hall the addresses delivered were devoted to attacks on the Ballot and the Call for their course during the recent campaign and since the failure of the Bank of California and the death of Ralston.

In the open-air meeting resolutions were read censuring the Associated Press for telegraphing so-called false reports; the reading of which was greeted with many cries of "no! no!" as was the case with other resolutions read. It was evident that many of the audience were present merely as observers, and that the resolutions did not represent by any means the sentiments of the whole assembly.

The regents of the State University have elected D. O. Mills as treasurer, vice Ralston. The Finance Committee of the board reported that the University loss nothing by the failure of the Bank of California, it being protected by the late treasurer's bond of \$15,000.

Ogdenburg, N. Y.; Sept. 9.—Forest fires are raging furiously about one mile east of Mesaba. The fire started this morning, and now covers a tract one mile wide and five miles long. The wind is blowing a gale from the South. The farmers are deserting their dwellings. Large tracts of standing timber are swept down, and the fire runs through the swamps and fields of standing grain.

Eric, Sept. 9.—A platform was agreed upon in the committee at a late hour last night, but was adopted by a majority of only one. The currency plank is so disastrous to the minority that they threaten to bring a separate report, and have the difference settled in open convention. The fact of such action has prevented the presentation of the majority report to the convention, and an adjournment was had to afford an opportunity for harmonious compromise. Delegates generally express the opinion that the discussion of the financial question in open convention would be exceedingly unwise, and every effort will be made to have the minority report suppressed.

The committee stand 25 to 24 on the currency resolution, which are as follows: That the contraction of the money currency and circulating medium, heretofore made by the Republican party, and the further contraction, proposed by it, with a view to forced resumption of specie payments, has already brought disaster to the business of the country, and threatens general bankruptcy, and while we expressly enunciate the principle that a sound currency should be gold and silver and paper redeemable therein, we are opposed to either a contraction or inflation of the present currency, and would leave the restoration of legal tenders to par in gold to be brought about by promoting the industries of the people, and not by destroying them.

That the policy already initiated by the Republican party of abolishing legal tenders and giving national banks power to furnish all the currency, will increase the power of an already dangerous monopoly, and the enormous burdens now pressing upon the people, without compensating advantage, and that all the national bank circulation be promptly and permanently retired and full legal tenders be issued in their place.

That the public interests demand that the Government should cease to discredit its own money, and should make its legal tender receivable for all public dues, except where respect for the obligation of contracts requires payment in coin; the extinction of the present national banks and the establishment in their stead of free banks of discount and deposit, under such regulations as the States respectively may prescribe and no paper money except such as may be issued directly by and upon the faith of the Federal Government, attested practically a currency based on gold and silver and other property of the whole people of the country.

Resolute efforts are being made to counter the Convention to more positive resolutions.

August, Sept. 9.—The special term of the court was convened to-day at Wrightsville for the trial of the negroes charged with being implicated in the recent alleged insurrection. Bills of indictment were found against eleven persons.

Jack Hicks was put on trial first, and after exhausting nearly three panels a jury was obtained. After a full hearing the case was given to the jury. Judge Johnson charging them that the evidence was not sufficient to convict, and that no verdict against the prisoner should be rendered. After an hour's absence the jury returned a verdict of not guilty. All the prisoners were thereupon discharged, and court adjourned.

This ends the prosecution, except against the two leaders, Morris and Markeson, who it is thought, have left the State.

HILLSBORO MARKETS.

Corrected by C. M. PARKS.

Oats 50, Meal 110, Corn 110, Butter 25, Eggs 12, Chickens 12, Wheat 100, Bacon 100, Cash round 150.

MARKETS.

DANVILLE, Va., Sept. 4th.

Reported by S. H. Holland & Co., Receipts light and market very active. Lugs, Very common 6.00 to 8.00, Good 11.00 to 12.00, Common bright 15.00 to 18.00, Fancy Smokers 20.00 to 30.00, Leaf, common red 10.00 to 11.00, Leaf, good 12.00 to 14.00, Wrappers, Medium 20.00 to 30.00, Fine 35.00 to 45.00, Extra 50.00 to 60.00.

DUNN & SEPT. 10th.

Corrected by Reams and Walker.

LUGS.—Dark 6 to 8, Red 8 to 11, Bright, Com. 12 to 16, Good, 16 to 20, Fine, 20 to 25, Fancy, 20 to 35, Red Leaf.—Com. dark 9 to 11, Good, 11 to 15, Fine, 18 to 20, Bright Wrap.—Com. 12 to 16, Medium, 16 to 25, Fine, 25 to 40, Extra, 40 to 70.

COTTON.—Raleigh Sept. 4th.—The market firm, receipts light. Low middlings at 15; stained at 12 1/2.

We are indebted to the Raleigh News for our Cotton reports. Wilmington, 4th. Cotton quiet. Middlings 13 1/2; low middlings 90. Norfolk, 1th. Cotton quiet. Middlings 14 1/2.

FLOUR.—Flour Markets dull and prices rule low. Raleigh, Sept. 4th. North Carolina \$6.00 to \$6.50.

Provisions.—Raleigh Sept. 4th. Western shoulders 10 1/2. Clear rib 14. Hams 16.

Wheat.—Richmond 4th. No material changes, prices for both Red and White ranging between 1.20 to 1.51.

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Finest quality and latest styles kept constantly in stock from which we rarely fail to make a hit. Constantly supplied with full lines of Men's and Children's shoes in COLLEGE, patent and button, with or without heels, lace and button.

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Connected with the establishment is a workshop where the finest BROUDES and HATS are made to order. None but finest calf skin used and fit always guaranteed.

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June 20.

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We will send a pound or a half pound package to you by mail.

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on receipt of the price. I will send the kind of Tea you want, and be very particular to give you your correct address.

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